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K.S. Deposition Transcript (redacted)

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

JOHN DOES A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, MARY DOE and MARY ROE, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated.

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Case No. 2:22-10209 Hon. Mark A. Goldsmith

GRETCHEN WHITMER, Governor of the State of Michigan and COL. JOSEPH GASPER, Director of the Michigan State Police, in their official capacities,

Defendants.

DEPOSITION OF: K.S.

WITNESS:

LOCATION: Remote Location

DATE: Wednesday, May 31, 2023

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

Taken remotely in the above-entitled cause, before Stefanie S. Pohl, Certified Shorthand Reporter, CSR 5616, and Notary Public for the County of Clinton.

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Wednesday, May 31, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Remote Videoconference K. S.,

a Witness herein, after having first been duly sworn

remotely, testified as follows: EXAMINATION

BY MR. DAMICH:

9 Q Good morning, sir. My name is Scott Damich. I'm an 10 Assistant Attorney General with the State of Michigan, 11 and I represent Governor Whitmer and Colonel Gasper. 12 And I Noticed your deposition in this case which is 13 named Does versus Whitmer, and has a specific case 14 number 2:22-CV-10209, and it's in the District Court in 15 the Eastern District of Michigan, and it's pending in 16 front of the Honorable Judge Goldsmith. 17

Now, there's a Protective Order in place in this case, sir. The Protective Order is another fancy word of a device that we are using to make sure that your identity does not escape the record at all. The public will not know of your name, your full name, or any personal identifying information.

personal identifying information.Now, that Protective Order, it's found -- it's

found at ECF No. 88, page ID 23892395.
 And, again, like I said, it protects your identity.

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Will the court reporter confirm that she has read 1 the Protective Order and signed the acknowledgement? yes and verbalize no. COURT REPORTER: Yes, I have. 3 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry? 4 A Yes. MR. DAMICH: Okay. And then will counsel 5 affirm that the person tendered is in fact Declarant 6 7

MS. CARBAJAL: Yes. MR. DAMICH: Okay.

Q (By Mr. Damich) Sir, have you ever been deposed 10 11 before?

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13 Q Okay. So just -- we'll go over the ground rules real 14 quick and just -- it will probably set the stage of how 15 I like my depositions to go. I like to treat them as a 16 conversation.

> Now, I get it, it's a weird conversation because I'm the only one asking questions here. It's a one-sided conversation, with you answering. Now, another thing that's special about this conversation is that we have a court reporter here, Stefanie, who's writing everything down that we say verbally.

So, for example, you just nodded your head yes, and you're understanding. If I ask you a question that is asking for a yes/no answer, nodding your head yes won't make it into the transcript. We need you to verbalize

Does that make sense?

Q Okay. Also, a hard -- I can imagine a hard thing for Stefanie to do is transcribe what we call cross-talk. For example, if you're answering a question and I jump in and try to talk over you, that's cross-talk. And that -- I can't even imagine how hard that would be for Stefanie to go through and untangle who said what, when, where, and what the heck they said. So we're going to try our best to avoid cross-talk if possible.

So just a couple of things to keep in mind. If you let me get my questions out before you answer them, that would be great. You're represented by counsel today who more likely than not will have objections to some of my questions. I suggest that you wait until she gets her objections out, and then give your answer, and I will do my best to hold off in interjecting.

I am human, I will make mistakes sometimes, but I will usually cut myself off, and let you get your full answer out.

23 Now, here's the thing: My goal today is not to 24 trick you into anything and get you into any kind of gotcha moment. It's not. I'm simply just trying to 25

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get some facts and line some facts up here. So I'm not going to ask you any -- my goal is not to ask you any tricky questions.

So, if there's a question that I ask you that you don't understand, you got to tell me. You got to say, Scott, I don't know what you're getting at, could you please rephrase the question, that's confusing, you're not making sense. Please tell me that.

And with that in mind, if you do answer the question or any questions that I ask you, is it fair -is it a fair rule that you understood the question that was asked of you; does that make sense?

A Yes, it does.

Q Excellent. And I know even before the deposition started, I thanked you for letting me know that you have some hearing issues. So, again, I'm going to do my best to speak slowly, articulate as loud as I can, without disrupting my colleagues and having them yell at me. And -- and make sure you hear every word that comes out of my mouth.

But, going back to what I said previously, don't guess that you heard what I said. Let's confirm it first before we get it on the record.

I'm not in the business of trying to see how long you can sit still in the same seat for extended periods 1 of time. If you want to a break even after I'm done

2 with my little soapbox talk here, that's fine. The

3 only caveat that I have is when you want to take a

4 break, is that if I ask you a question, if you could 5

give an answer to the question before we go ahead and

6 say let's take five, ten minutes. Is that fair?

A Yes, it is.

8 Q Excellent. Okay. Are you taking any medications or 9 any substances that affect your memory or ability to 10 answer truthfully today?

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12 Q Is there anything else that might interfere with your 13 ability to answer questions truthfully and fully today?

14 A No, not that I can think of.

15 Q Okay. Now, you previously mentioned that you were 16 deposed before. Is that correct?

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18 Q And, you said it was years ago. Do you have an 19 approximation of how many years ago it was?

20 A About 30 -- 33 years ago.

21 Q What was it in relation to?

22 A That was -- I was a plaintiff in a civil lawsuit.

23 O And who did you sue?

24 MS. CARBAJAL: Sorry. Objection. I'm just 25 going to object to anything that invokes the name of

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9 10 1 1 this lawsuit just because it might impede on that think it's a great segue here to talk about what's 2 2 Protective Order and give you information about his going to be the substance of our conversation today and 3 identity. 3 what it's going to surround. 4 4 MR. DAMICH: Sure. From my understanding, you were -- you were 5 5 convicted twice of CSC, criminal sexual conduct, Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. Let me rephrase the question. 6 6 Did you sue an individual or did you sue a correct? 7 corporation? 7 A Yes. 8 A No. In fact, I sued a 8 Q Okay. And, so, throughout this deposition, I'm going 9 9 to -- when I talk about your CSC conviction in the 10 10 Q Were you a prisoner at the time you filed your suit? singular, I'm speaking of the later one of the two, the 11 11 1985 conviction. Is that fair? Q And what did you think 12 12 did wrong to you? A Yes. 13 A It was about 13 Q And when I want to speak about both convictions, I'll Q Okay. So it was prison conditions? 14 make sure to say it in the pleural. And when I'm 15 A Yes. 15 talking about both convictions, I'm going to be talking 16 Q Okay. Do you remember the outcome of that lawsuit? 16 about the 1978 and 1985 convictions. 17 A Yes. 17 Does that make sense to you? 18 Q In what way? 18 A Yes. 19 A I won. 19 Q Okay. Now, you -- do you remember signing a 20 Q Congratulations. So when you say you won, what did the 20 declaration for this case? 21 Court order the warden to do? 21 A Yes. 22 A The Court ordered that the 22 Q And before we get into that, what's your understanding 23 23 of what's at issue in the current lawsuit? 24 24 A My understanding is that it has to do with the Q Now, you filed that while you were in prison, and I 25 Registry. 11 12 Q Okay. Is that the extent of your understanding or do 1 A That's correct. 2 you know of anything else about the claims being made Q This is your Declaration? 3 3 against my clients? A This is my Declaration, yes. 4 A Well, I did read the claims section of the complaint 4 MR. DAMICH: I'd like to mark this as 5 5 and review it just for purposes of relevancy. Deposition Exhibit A. 6 Q Okay. 6 (Whereupon Defendants' Deposition Exhibit A A You know, for my deposition. That's it. 7 7 was marked for identification.) Q Okay. So in addition to reading the complaint, did you 8 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry? do anything else to prepare for today? 9 Q (By Mr. Damich) I was just telling the court reporter 10 A The only thing that I did to prepare for today was I 10 that I would like to have this marked as a deposition 11 believe I had four telephone conferences with Lauren. 11 exhibit. Just some lawyer talk. That's all. 12 Q Okay. Did you bring anything with you to today's 12 A Yup. Okay. 13 deposition? 13 Q Okay. In the first paragraph there you talk about a 14 A No. 14 CSC-3 conviction in 1978? 15 Q Okay. 15 16 A No, sir. 16 Q That's criminal sexual conduct in the third degree, Q Okay. I'm going to share my screen with you. And 17 17 correct? 18 hopefully this works out for both of us. 18 A Yes. 19 And let me know when you see a document show up on 19 Q All right. What did you do? 20 20 A I molested a child who was between the age of 13 and your screen. 21 21 A Oh, yes. Okay, I see the Declaration. 15, I believe. This was a plea-based sentence. 22 Q Okay. You see that? 22 Q So, when you say molestation -- you molested the child, 23 23 did you sexually penetrate the child? A Yes. 24 Q I'm going to scroll down and you see that it has the 24 25 K.S. here, at the signature line? Q Okay. And do you know whether the child was between

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14 13 the ages of 13 and 16? 1 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection. Form. 1 2 A I believe the child was 13 at the time. 2 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry? Q Okay. Were you related to the child? 3 3 Q (By Mr. Damich) Did you have a lot of 13-year-old 4 A No. friends when you were 31? Q Did you have any type of personal relationship with the 5 5 MS. CARBAJAL: Same objection. child? 6 THE WITNESS: Do I answer this? 7 A Yes. 7 Q (By Mr. Damich) Yes. Q And what was that personal relationship? 8 8 MS. CARBAJAL: Yes. 9 A The child would come over to my house for 9 THE WITNESS: Okay. No. 10 companionship. 10 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. At the age of 31, were you 11 Q Was the child a neighbor? 11 employed? A Yes. 12 A Yes. 12 Q Were you friends with the parents? 13 13 Q What were you doing at the age of 31? 14 A I'm sorry? 14 A I was working for the 15 Q Were you friends with the child's parents? 15 Q Okay. Did part of your job responsibilities lead --16 A They knew about me, but I wasn't really friends of the allow you to come into contact with this child? 16 17 parents. A I'm sorry, say again? 17 18 Q Okay. And how old were you? 18 Q How did you become friends with this child? 19 A How old was I? 19 A The child simply came to my house and saw me painting Q Yes. 20 20 my house, and we just struck up a conversation, and it 21 A At the time, 31. 21 went on from there. Q And the child -- and the child was 13? 22 22 Q Did the child consent? 23 A That's correct. 23 A Yes. The -- yes. Q Did you have a lot of friends that were 13 years old at 24 Q Do you think a 13-year-old child has a mental capacity 25 that time? 25 to consent to sexual activity? 15 16 1 with children. I greatly regret my criminal activity A At the time I assumed so, because the child was no 2 2 stranger to having sex with adults, I discovered; but and I would certainly never approve of adult having --3 an adult having sex with a child. It was a form of that doesn't excuse my behavior. 4 Q Sure. How many other adults was she having sex with in 4 insanity. 5 5 your estimation? Q (By Mr. Damich) Were you -- were you physically 6 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. 6 attracted to the 13-year-old at the time? 7 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. THE WITNESS: Oh, could you please repeat the 7 8 question so I can answer? 8 Argumentative. 9 Q (By Mr. Damich) Sure. To your knowledge, how many 9 THE WITNESS: Do I answer this question? 10 other individuals did the 13-year-old have sex with 10 Q (By Mr. Damich) Yes. 11 before she had sex with you? 11 A Yes. 12 MS. CARBAJAL: Same objection, and 12 Q Are you still attracted to 13-year-olds? 13 argumentative. 13 A Oh, no. MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. 14 THE WITNESS: Honestly, I have no idea. 14 15 Q (By Mr. Damich) Do you if any other individuals were 15 Argumentative. 16 charged with criminal sexual conduct for their sexual 16 Q (By Mr. Damich) When did -- at what age did -- when 17 activity with a 13-year-old child? 17 did your attraction end? 18 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. 18 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form and 19 THE WITNESS: Yes. 19 argumentative. 2.0 Q (By Mr. Damich) There was? 20 THE WITNESS: I would say with an 21 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. Asked and 21 understanding of why I committed these offenses. I 22 22 think this past term in prison, I learned a great deal answered. 23 23 THE WITNESS: I have discovered since I went about myself and what triggered that behavior. 24 to prison that there were a number of people that 24 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. And what did you learn? 25 committed the same kind of crime with -- with minors, A I learned that there were sociogenic and psychogenic

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17 18 1 1 reasons why I committed the crime. I learned that here. So I don't know the truth of the situation as to 2 2 loneliness can act as a trigger, depression can be a what triggered the father to talk to the child. 3 trigger. And, for some reason -- I don't hang around 3 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. How many times did you have sex 4 children. I haven't been around children in any sense 4 with the child? 5 of having contact with them since I went to prison. 5 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. 6 There's no reason for it. No legitimate reason for it. 6 Argumentative. 7 I honestly believe that I have no sexual attraction to 7 THE WITNESS: Oh, numerous times. I would say 8 children at this time. I hope that answers your 8 between six and 12 times. 9 question. 9 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. And each time you knew that she 10 Q Uh-huh. And how did you get caught having sex with a 10 was 13-ears-ld? 11 13-year-old? 11 A Yes. 12 A The child's father questioned the child, and the child 12 MS. CARBAJAL: Object to form. Argumentative. 13 confessed the relationship and what went on with me. 13 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. So, you were convicted in 1978. Q In your opinion, what do you believe caused the father 14 Were you incarcerated after that? 15 to question the child? 15 A Yes. 16 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection. Form. Foundation. 16 Q For how many years? 17 THE WITNESS: I -- I'm just going to have to 17 A Precisely two years, seven months and 14 days. 18 guess at this because I really don't know. The father Q So then what year would that have been that you got 18 19 may have been suspicious of the child's relationship 19 out? 20 with me. 20 A 1980. June the 11th, I believe, 1980. 21 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. What do you think would cause 21 Q Were you placed on parole? 2.2 his suspicion? 22 A I was placed on parole. 23 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. Foundation. 23 Q For how long? 2.4 THE WITNESS: Honestly, I don't know. I just A For two years, but I was released early from parole 24 25 can't give -- you see, we're looking for the truth 25 because of the exemplary conduct on parole. The system 19 20 Q And were you tracked at all? 1 is entirely different than what it is now. 1 2 Q And do you remember the terms of your parole at all? 2 A I'm sorry? 3 A Do I -- excuse me? Q Were you tracked at all, were there any tracking --4 Q Do you remember the terms of your parole at all? 4 A No. 5 5 A Yeah, yeah. Stay out of bars and don't threaten and Q -- devices at that point? 6 intimidate anyone. That's it. 6 A No. 7 7 Q I don't think there was back then. Q Did you have to report --8 A The system was a lot different. 8 Okay. Did you achieve employment after your 9 Q Did you have to report to a parole officer? 9 10 A At first, every month. 10 A After I was released in 1980? 11 Q Okay. 11 Q Uh-huh. A Then after about four months, he said I really don't 12 12 A Yes. 13 need to see you this often. You can see me every three 13 Q Okay. Where did you obtain employment? 14 months. 14 A I obtained employment almost immediately after I was 15 Q Did you have to contact your parole officer before 15 released in prison by applying to the , program that was 16 applying to new jobs? 16 17 A The parole officer would ask about my employment when I 17 existing at that time in 18 reported. 18 Q Okay. So you found employment through your local --19 Q Okay. 19 through a program provided for through your local 20 A And would have appreciated it, and did appreciate it, 20 21 when I reported employment that occurred between my 21 A Yes. It was still a popular program and well funded to 22 visits with him. The system was entirely different. 22 help people who were disadvantaged find training and 23 23 Q Sure. Did you have to report your -- where you were employment. 24 living? 24 Q And how long did you stay with that program? 25 A Yes. A I stayed with that program until the -- until Ronald

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22 21 1 Reagan entered and cancelled the He --1 I applied and was accepted into employment with that 2 he -- he simply ended it, ended its funding, and then I 2 other company. 3 Q And how long did you stay with that company? 3 had to move on. 4 A Until I was arrested for my current crime. 4 Q Do you know -- do you have -- do you have an idea what 5 Q And that was in 1985, right? 5 year that was? 6 A 1984. 6 A I'm sorry, do I have any idea of --7 Q When you were arrested, okay, yeah. 7 Q What year that was? 8 A Yes. 8 A 1981. 9 O Convicted in 1985, correct? 9 Q And did you find any employment after that? 10 A Correct, convicted in 1985 at the end of June, I 10 11 believe. You'll have to excuse me, I have repressed Q Okay. Where -- what type of work did you find? 11 12 much of this. It's an inclination that I just wanted 12 A Administrative work. 13 to get on with my life. 13 Q Okay. Was that almost immediately after the program 14 Q Sure. Understandable. 14 was ended? Was that -- did you obtain your new job 15 Did you graduate from high school? 15 doing administrative work after Ronald Reagan entered 16 16 -- ended the program you previously referenced? 17 Q And do you have a college degree? 17 18 Q Okay. And how quickly did you obtain employment? 18 19 Q Which -- what do you have -- what's your college degree 19 A Well, it seemed -- it was -- it was almost 20 20 serendipitous because where I was working, there was a 21 A It's a Baccalaureate of Philosophy in the behavioral 21 company that was just starting up that did home energy 22 sciences. 22 analysis. And when I lost my position with the 23 MS. CARBAJAL: Scott, can we go briefly off 23 program that was functioning in that same building, 24 the record for a second? 24 this other company quickly picked up on those people MR. DAMICH: Yeah. Sure. 25 25 who were losing their jobs with the program. And 23 24 1 (Discussion off record.) A And, I discovered -- now, we're going back to 1972. 2 MR. DAMICH: Okay. Back on the record. 2 Q Sure. Yeah. 3 Q (By Mr. Damich) So you have an undergraduate degree in 3 A There was a 4 philosophy and behavioral sciences? 4 , program where I was at that time living, and I was 5 5 A No. It was a Ph.B, Ph.B, a Baccalaureate of Philosophy picked up for employment. Again, this time, public 6 6 in the behavioral sciences from administration. 7 Q Got you. Got you. And when did you graduate? 7 Q And this is all pre-conviction, right, all --8 A 1972. 8 A This is -- correct. Q So you said there was great difficult -- great 9 Q All right. Did you go on to further education? 9 10 A No. I -- well, I there were financial problems that 10 difficulty. How long did you stay unemployed? 11 precluded my further education. 11 A I -- actually when I was employed through the 12 Q Okay. So then when you graduated undergrad, did you 12 program at that time, I stayed on for two years. There 13 find employment? 13 was a sunset provision that encouraged you to leave the 14 A Yes, but with great difficulty because of Affirmative 14 program to find employment in the regular business 15 15 Action. And, at the time, there was a quota that sector. 16 After the 16 certain ethnic groups were to be given primary employment, I was able to find a job 17 17 , and I was with consideration, and I ran up against that time after with the 18 time after time. 18 that job until my arrest in 1977 for the first crime. 19 Q So you -- so Affirmative Action prevented you from 19 Q Did you have any trouble finding places to live between 20 obtaining graduate -- a graduate degree? 20 the years of your graduation from undergrad and then 21 A That -- no, it actually prevented me from finding 21 the years you were incarcerated? 22 meaningful employment for a while. 22 A No. Q Oh, okay. I'm sorry. You're right. I switched over, 23 Where did you live? 23 24 I went back to education. I meant employment. So, 24 Before you answer, don't give me a specific

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Affirmative Action prevented you from employment?

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26 25 at the time I 1 A I lived in the city of children, and a neighborhood child -- three of the 2 2 graduated from college, and then children of my very best friends. 3 3 Q So --You have to understand this is very difficult for 4 A I'm sorry? 4 me, because I live with this every night, every day, 5 Q Okay. So, you lived in, is it fair to say you lived on 5 24/7. I live with the betrayal of my friends, and I 6 the eastern -- the southeastern part of the State of 6 hate to talk about it over and over again. I 7 Michigan? 7 hate to revisit it. 8 A That's correct. 8 Q Okay. 9 Q Did you rent or own at that time? 9 A There's nothing I can do to take back my crime. 10 A Rent. 10 Q Sure. Okay. So, just to go back to the crime, you 11 Q Okay. And then in 1978, you were convicted and 11 said that you molested three of the children of your 12 incarcerated, and then --12 best friend? 13 A Yes, I was convicted in 1978 and incarcerated. 13 A Yes. 14 Q And then in 1985 you were convicted of two counts of 14 Q And, so, there were only two counts of CSC -- of CSC-1, 15 CSC-1, correct? 15 right? 16 A That's correct. 16 A That's correct. 17 Q Okay. Back to your declaration I see that, you know, Q Do you remember, were there any counts that were 17 18 it says that you -- in the first sentence, it says you dropped or charges that were dropped? 18 19 were convicted of CSC-3 in 1978 and CSC-2 in 1985. 19 A There was one count that was dropped because the child 20 So, just to be clear, it was two counts of CSC-1 in 20 refused to cooperate with the prosecution. 21 1985, right? 21 Q So, again, how many children? A That's as I recall, yes 22 A There were three --22 23 MS. CARBAJAL: Form. 23 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. Asked and Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. What did you do this time? 24 answered. A This time my crime was that I molested three of the 25 THE WITNESS: -- plus the neighborhood child. 27 28 I'm sorry, but is this all necessary? 1 1 MR. DAMICH: That's okay. MS. CARBAJAL: All right. Back on the record. 2 Q (By Mr. Damich) Yes. So you said there were three and 2 3 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. Before we went off the record, a neighborhood child? 3 4 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection. Asked and answered. 4 we had identified the ages of the four victims of your 5 5 sex -- of your second conviction. They were 13, 11, 11 Q (By Mr. Damich) So there were four overall then? 6 6 and eight. 7 7 Q Okay. And what were their ages at the time? And out of those four individual children, I had A 13, 11 and eight. 8 asked you what three were the three of your very best 9 Q So there were four overall, but you only gave me three friends, if you could identify them by ages? 10 ages. Is there one age --10 A The -- the two 11-year-olds, and the eight-year-old. Q Okay. And then did you have any -- a special 11 A There were two that were twins, born on the same day. 11 12 Q Okay. Which one was that, what age? 12 relationship with the 13-year-old? 13 A They were 11. 13 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. 14 Q Okay. And what ages were the ones -- the three of your 14 THE WITNESS: Yes. 15 -- three of the children of your very best friend? 15 Q (By Mr. Damich) What was your special relationship 16 A Excuse me. I have got to get rid of this phone. I had 16 with the 13-year-old? 17 17 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. it turned off, and it keeps on ringing through. And I 18 don't want that interference. 18 Argumentative. 19 MS. CARBAJAL: Let's go off the record for a 19 You can answer. 20 second. 20 THE WITNESS: The 13-year-old was friends with 21 MR. DAMICH: That's fine. 21 the 11-year-old -- one of the 11-year-olds. 22 MS. CARBAJAL: Okay. 22 Q (By Mr. Damich) Did your very best friend know about 23 (Brief recess.) 23 your prior conviction? 24 THE WITNESS: Okay. I'm back. I don't 24 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. 25 understand why that keeps ringing through. 25 Argumentative.

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30 29 1 THE WITNESS: I honestly don't think so. Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. And, so, at that point, you O (By Mr. Damich) Do you think if he -- if he or she 2 were still attracted to children under the age of 13, 3 would have known about your prior conviction that they 3 might not have let their children around -- around you, 4 4 A Yes. 5 5 or at least by themselves with you? MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. 6 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. Calls for 6 Argumentative. 7 7 speculation and argumentative. Q (By Mr. Damich) That was a yes, right? 8 THE WITNESS: Do I still answer it? 8 A The answer was yes. 9 9 Q (By Mr. Damich) Yes. Q Okay. And how old were you in 1985? MS. CARBAJAL: You do. 10 10 A Well, back when I was arrested, 39. 11 11 THE WITNESS: If they had known of that Q Did you sexually penetrate each of those four children? 12 12 conviction, no. I think they would have been much more A Yes. 13 careful about the supervision of their children around 13 Q On multiple occasions? 14 A Yes. 15 Q (By Mr. Damich) What ways do you think they'd be able 15 Q Did you have other children watch while you performed to find out about your prior conviction? 16 16 the --17 A I'm sorry? 17 Q What ways would they have been able to find out about 18 18 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form, assumes 19 your prior conviction back then? 19 facts not in evidence. 20 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. Vague. 20 Q (By Mr. Damich) So you had sex with them individually? 21 Calls for speculation. 21 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. THE WITNESS: They would have had to -- well, 2.2 22 Argumentative. 23 they would have had to have inquired. I mean, there 23 THE WITNESS: Yes. 24 was no way that they would have known unless I had told 24 Q (By Mr. Damich) Was this usually done at your home? A I was living at the home of my very best friends at 25 them. 31 32 1 that time. My very best friends were working at the Q And how long were you on parole? 2 same company I was working at. 2 A Two full years and, of course, I wore a tether all of 3 3 O Okay. 4 A And we had all been laid off by the company, so we were 4 Q And what does a tether do? 5 5 all in need of finding other employment. And they A The tether advised my parole agent of my whereabouts 24 6 6 invited me into their home as a gesture of kindness hours a day, seven days a week. 7 7 until we all got back on our feet financially. Q How did you get caught? 8 A All sex offenders were required -- were required to 9 A One of the children happened to be discussing a 9 wear them, and I believe still are required to wear 10 molestation event with her girlfriend. And that 10 11 triggered Protective Services to come in, and then the 11 Q Did you also have to submit to drug testing? 12 Michigan State Police. 12 A I'm sorry? 13 Q And then you -- how long of a prison sentence were you 13 Q Did you have to submit to drug testing? 14 14 A Yes, I did, although that was ludicrous. 15 A I was given a prison sentence of 20 years to 40 years 15 Q And how about alcohol, were you allowed to drink 16 16 by arguably one of the finest and fairest judges in alcohol? 17 17 A All of that was done every time I reported, I had to do 18 Q And how many years did you serve in prison --18 a urine drop. A I served 28 years out of 40 years. 19 Q What were some of the other requirements of parole this 20 Q So you were 67 when you were released? 20 21 A 67. 21 A I was required to look for employment, and all of us as 22 22 Q Okay. And what year was that? a general rule were largely on house arrest. We were

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A That's the date when I was paroled.

Q Were you placed on parole?

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given specific time to go out to seek employment, and

on the weekends, unless we had a specific religious

on the weekends we were pretty much forbidden to be out

9 (Pages 33 to 36) 34 33 1 1 activity, or we wanted to do our laundry. 2014. And for the next five years, I spent hours a day 2 2 online applying for jobs. But we had to make sure that our agents always knew 3 3 where we were. We had to ask for permission before we Q So in your first -- so in 20 -- in 2012, how many jobs 4 4 do you think you applied to, approximately? left our residences each and every time. 5 5 Q Were your electronic devices monitored? A In 2012, I may have applied, between 2012 and 2013, to 6 A Such as? 6 maybe a dozen different prospective employers. But the 7 7 Q Yeah, for example, like your computer usage, was that parole rules were so tough, I actually wound up where I 8 8 monitored? was living doing odd job work for the land -- for the 9 9 A We weren't allowed to use computers, only at Michigan property manager where I lived. And that kept me busy, 10 10 Works. I wasn't allowed to have a computer at all. It and gave me some kind of below minimum wage employment 11 11 for about two years. I did a lot of restorative work was kept in storage for two years. 12 Q So you came off parole you stated in 2016? 12 in the various units that were rented and vacated over 13 A I'm sorry, I ended parole in 2014. 13 that two-year period. 14 Q Sorry. 2014. I'm sorry. Thank you for clarifying. 14 Q Back to the exhibit here, it says at number four that 15 15 If we could go back to Exhibit A, your Declaration. you were hired to work at a Federal government job 16 16 In number three, it says: Since my release from prison training program in 2015, called Experience Works. 17 in 2012, I've submitted more than 3,000 job 17 Do you see that? 18 18 applications. 19 A Yes. 19 That was after you were off of parole, correct? 20 Q How many job applications -- how many job applications 20 That was off -- yes, after I was off of parole. 21 did you submit while you were on parole? 21 Q And do you know when in 2015 you got that job? 22 22 A For an entire period of -- of roughly nine years, I A I got that job in -- around the first of February in 23 23 submitted job applications repeatedly -- repeatedly. 2015. 24 Often -- as often as I could. I intensified the job 24 Q And then when did -- do you remember the approximate 25 search when I was allowed to have a computer again in 25 date that you came off of parole? 35 36 A It had to be the end of August, the 29th or the 30th. A The only other sources of income that I may have had at 2 2 Q Of 2014, correct? that time were doing odd jobs, cutting lawns, painting 3 3 A That's correct. people's homes on the outside, power washing their 4 Q Okay. 4 homes, whatever. 5 5 A Yes. Q Okay. You were like 69 years old at that time, right, 6 6 Q So that's a six-month gap there between employment, approximately? 7 7 correct, between the time of your coming off of parole A I would say yes, and I was able to purchase my home 8 and the time that you got your job in February 2015? 8 just before my 70th birthday, at the end of 2014. 9 Does that sound about right? 9 Q How much income did you have in 2022? 10 A That's right. That's correct. 10 A I'm sorry. Say it again? 11 Q Were you employed then? 11 Q How much income did you have in 2022? 12 A Was I employed at the -- I'm sorry, say it again? I 12 A I had -- I had just -- I was -- I've got to guesstimate 13 don't understand the question. 13 at this -- around 16,000. 14 Q Between the month of August 2014 and February 2015, 14 MS. CARBAJAL: Scott?

15 were you employed? 16 A No, I don't recall being employed. 17 Q Okay. 18 A At that time. 19 Q Then what did -- what did you do to survive? What was 20 your source of income? 21 A Okay. My source of income was a very small Social 22 Security retirement check that came in every month. At 23 the time I believe it was a little bit less than \$1,100 24 a month. Q You had no other sources of income?

15 MR. DAMICH: Yes. It's about an hour and I 16 feel like there's about -- we have like a meeting at 17 10:00 every day. It's going to explode in sound. Can 18 we take a quick break? 19 MR. DAMICH: Absolutely. Absolutely. What do 20 you want, maybe ten minutes? 21 MS. CARBAJAL: Yeah. Ten minutes would be 22 23 MR. DAMICH: All right. So then let's do 24 11:10, we'll see each other again. 25 MS. CARBAJAL: Thank you so much.

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- 1 MR. DAMICH: See you soon. Of course.
- 2 (Brief recess.)
- 3 MR. DAMICH: Back on the record.
- 4 Q (By Mr. Damich) I want to go ahead and tighten up your
- 5 housing both pre and post your second conviction.
- 6 Could you remind me previous -- I think you
- 7 previously testified that you were living somewhere
- 8 before your second conviction. Did you -- was that a
- 9 house or an apartment?
- 10 A What time frame are we talking?
- 11 Q So that would be between -- between your -- that would
- be right before you got arrested for your second
- conviction, where were you living?

 14 A I was living with my best friends.
- 15 Q Were your best friends located in Michigan?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Okay. And then were your best friends, would you say
- it's fair to say, in southeast part of Michigan?
- 19 A Here in central Michigan.
- 20 Q Central Michigan, okay?
- 21 A Yup.
- 22 Q So you were renting?
- 23 A Yes
- 24 Q Then when you were released from prison for your second
- conviction, and that would be in 2012, where did you go

- 1 to live?
 - 2 A I was placed in temporary housing by and through the
- 3 Department of Corrections. The parole office was
- 4 involved in -- in placing me where I ultimately stayed
- 5 for about two years until I was off of parole.
- 6 Q So did you rent?
- 7 A I did rent.
- 8 Q Okay.
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q And did you live in central Michigan?
- 11 A Yes
- 12 Q So you were living in central Michigan post-release,
- 13 we'll say from 2012 to 2014?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Okay. And then 2014, what happened? Where did you
- 16 move?
- 17 A At the end of 2014, I was able to get on a computer,
- and, amazingly, very quickly I discovered what they
- call a Land Bank program, a county Land Bank program.
- 20 And they were selling rehabbed housing for a very
- reasonable amount of money. And I was blessed by being
- able to purchase the home where I live now, and that
- was at the end of 2014. The closing was in December of
- 24 2014. It's been a blessing.
- 25 Q So from December 2014 until today, you were living in a

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- 1 home that you purchased?
- 2 A That's correct.
- 3 Q And today you're located in that home right now?
- 4 A That's correct, yes.
- 5 Q Do you know the fair market value of your home
- 6 currently?
- 7 A Say again?
- 8 Q The current fair market value of your home?
- 9 A I have worked hard to improve the value of the home.
- 10 I'm going to guesstimate about 85,000.
- 11 Q Okay.

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- 12 A I've put a lot of work into it.
- 13 Q From the time you released in 2012 until present day,
 - did you spend any time homeless?
- 15 A No, thank God. I had to purchase my home because no 16 one would rent to me.
- 17 Q So did you have trouble finding suitable housing
- because of your CSC history?
- 19 A Absolutely. The Registry. It was always the Registry.
- 20 Q Okay. So my question was about the -- your criminal
- sexual conduct history, not the Registry.
- So, did you have trouble finding suitable housing
- because of your criminal sexual conduct history?
- 24 A No.
- 25 Q Okay.

- 1 A The Registry at the time forbade me to live in certain
 - areas. So I couldn't find a home or apartment to rent
 - 3 in many different areas, you know, where I live
 - 4 currently, because of the restrictions about having
 - 5 registered sex offenders in those geographical areas.
 - 6 I purchased the home I have now because it lay outside
 - of those restricted areas.
 - 8 Q So even with those restricted areas, you were able to
 - 9 find your current home?
 - 10 A That's correct, yes.
 - 11 Q Approximately how many apartment complexes did you
 - apply to for -- to live?
 - 13 A I'm sorry, I would have to guess at that answer. I
 - 14 might say two dozen.
 - 15 Q Two dozen?

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- 16 A I don't think that's unreasonable, 24 or 25. And,
- 17 after awhile, you just give up.
- 18 Q Okay. Do you remember were they paper applications?
- 19 A I'm sorry?
- 20 Q Were they paper applications?
- 21 A These were paper applications and they were always
- 22 turned down.
- 23 Q Okay.
- 24 A Because of the Registry, and because other tenants
- would protest my presence there.

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- 1 Q Do you remember if the applications specifically asked
- 2 if you were on the Sex Offender Registry?
- 3 A I think that -- I think that maybe six or seven of them
- 4 did. They might have also asked about criminal
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- 6 Q So did all of them ask about criminal background?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q Okay. But not all of them asked about your Registry
- 9
- 10 A This was a knee-jerk reaction to a movement called Ban
- 11 the Box, and employers in the area made an end run
- 12 around that movement. Ban the Box was an employer
- can't ask questions about criminal background before 13 14
- the applicant has a chance to apply and be given some
- 15 kind of consideration before they slam the door.
- 16 Well, then apartment renters followed this trend
- 17 and they wanted to make sure that anyone who applied
- 18 for rent was carefully examined as far as criminal
- 19 background.
- 20 Q So, my question was: Did all the applications ask
- 21 whether or not you were on the Registry?
- 22 A I'm certain that if I -- if I review from the
- 23 standpoint of memory, every one of the applications
- wanted to know about criminal background. 24
- 25 Q Do you remember, if any --

- A It was frustrating to realize that I wasn't eligible
- for any kind of subsidized housing at the State or
 - Federal level.
- 4 Q Why do you believe you didn't qualify for subsidized
- 5 housing?

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- 6 A Again, it had to do with the Registry. As I recall,
- 7 looking into it from the Federal standpoint, registered
- 8 sex offenders were not allowed to participate in ETA
- 9 funding. This all happened around 2014. We even had a 10 Federal senator who wanted to remove sex offenders from
- 11 having food stamps, and, thank God that didn't go
- 12 through. I'm sorry.
- 13 Q Okay. So for housing -- I just to make sure we tighten
- 14 up your employment, too.
- 15 So you were employed between -- you were employed
- 16 before your first conviction, correct?
- 17 A That's correct.
- 18 Q And approximately how much were you making a year
- 19 before you were -- your first conviction?
- 20 A \$10,000 a year.
- 21 Q Now, for the time period between your first conviction
- 22 and second conviction, you found employment, correct?
- 23
- 24 Q Okay. How many different employers did you have
- 25 between that time period?

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- A After I got out of prison the first time?
- 2 Q Correct.
- 3 A Three.
- 4 Q Starting with the first, how -- approximately how much
- 5 did you make a year?
- 6 A Maybe \$7,000.
- 7 Q Okay. And then how about your second employer, how
- 8 much were you making per year?
- 9 A They were all within that range, 7,000 to 8,000.
- Q And the same was true for your third employer? 10
- 11 A And my third employer, about the same. We -- this was
- 12 a time when you just -- people were making \$6 an hour.
- 13 Q Yeah. Okay. So then let's go to the period after you
- 14 were released for your second conviction. You were
- 15 released in 2012.
- 16 Let's go through your employment history since
- 17 then. In -- what was your first position post-release?
- 18 A The first employment --
- 19 Q Yes.
- 20 A -- that I had was Northwest Initiative, and that was
- 21 \$8.90 an hour, maybe \$8.35 an hour, and it was
- 22 part-time. Anywhere from 16 to 20 hours a week.
- 23 Q Were you receiving any governmental benefits?
- 24 A Yes, my Social Security retirement.
- Q Approximately how much was that?

- A Between a thousand and \$1100 per month. That kept the
 - 2 wolf from the door. Q Okay. So that was your first -- first job, that was 3
 - 4 about 8.75 per hour. Did you have a job after that?
 - 5 A A job after --
 - 6 Q So post-release, you said you got a job making 8.75 per 7
 - hour, right, in 2012?
 - 8 A In -- in 2015, that was my first real bonafide job with 9 . That lasted about four years.
 - 10 Q So between 2012 and 2015, did you just live off of
 - 11 governmental benefits and just side jobs?
 - 12 A That's correct, and some odd jobs.
 - 13 Q Any other jobs, other than the 8.75 per hour?
 - at the end of 2018 because 14 A I left 15 there was a sunset provision that compelled me to leave

 - 16 after four years. I applied to a government -- a
 - 17 company which had government contracts. And I worked
 - 18 operator for four months
 - 19 thereafter.
 - 20 Q And what was your salary at that position?
 - 21 A That position gave me \$11 an hour on
 - 22 third shift.
 - 23 Q And then are you still working at that job?
 - 24 A Say again, please?
 - Q Are you still working that job?

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A Oh, that job lasted four months.

- 2 O Okay. Why did you leave?
- 3 A I was exhausted, physically exhausted. I couldn't take 4 it, you know, that any more. It was a sweat shop.
- 5 Q So, it didn't have anything to do with your status as a sex offender? 6
- 7 A Oh, absolutely. They would only hire me as a registered sex offender if I worked on midnights. So 9 I'd have no contact with any of the good people.
- Q Okay. And that caused you to be exhausted? 10
- 11 A If you'd seen what I had to do, yes.
- 12 Q Okay. So then where did you go from there? 13 Actually, before you answer -- before you answer 14 that, let me ask you this.
- 15 A I'm sorry?
- 16 Q Yeah -- no, never mind, scratch that. After your job 17 at -- that you left after four months, did you find --
- 18 A I applied to several jobs.
- 19 Q Did you file any kind of complaints with any kind of 20 governmental agencies for the way you were treated at 21 your previous jobs?
- 22 A I filed no claim against the company.
- 23 Q Did you ask to be switched back to the day shifts at 24
- 25 A They would not allow me to work on day shift.

1 Q Did you ask?

- A Yes, and the answer was no. You're a registered sex offender. Quote, this is how we handle sex offenders.
- 4 Q Okay. And then from that position, where did you go?
- 5 A I mainly did odd -- odd jobs, but while I was doing
- 6 those, I was constantly applying for work via the
- 7 computer, using various different job sites, including
- 8 the Federal job site, State jobs, city jobs, county 9 jobs, all of them, basically, seeking administrative
- 10 work.
- 11 Actually, I would have even have been happy to have 12 been a parking lot attendant, anything to have a job.
- 13 Ultimately, I found a job at -- at the end of October 14 in 2020.
- 15 Q Okay. And then where did you find that job at?
- 16 And that lasted until February, at the end of February of 2021. 17
- Q Why did you leave? 18
- 19 A They claimed they just got my background report from 20 their background investigation people, a company known
- 21 as Hire Right. I saw the Hire Right report that was a
- 22 result of Hire Right's background investigation two
- 23 days after I had my first interview.
- They claim they didn't get the background report 24
- 25 until the end of February, 2021. They said, oh, it was

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- 1 accidentally put in the spam file. And at that time
- 2 they said, well, your background doesn't meet company
- 3 standards.
- 4 Q The background being -- being convicted of having sex 5 with four children?
- 6 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form.
- 7 Argumentative.
- 8 THE WITNESS: I was told it was because of the
- 9 Registry, that it was a liability -- an insurance
- 10 liability to have me work there.
- Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. Do you know -- did you fill out 11 12 a paper application for
- and during the 13 A I filled out applications for 14 onboarding process, I took the hiring assistant who
- 15 stood over my shoulder, and I said, look at what I'm
- 16 inputting. This is my criminal background. 17 She said, oh, we're not going to worry about that
- 18 until the background report comes in. They were
- 19 desperate to have anyone work for them because this was 20 still during the pandemic. Nobody wanted to work. So
- 21 they were willing to hire anybody they could,
- 22 provisionally, to have employees in the store.
- 23 Q Provisionally on the running of a background check?
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- Q And so then you did report your felonies on your

- 1 application?
- 2 A Absolutely.
- 3 O Okay.
- 4 A It's a matter of record.
- 5 Q Sure. In that application, do you remember if it asked
- 6 if you were a current sex offender, or if you were on a
- 7 Registry?
- 8 A I'm sorry, say again. What?
- 9 Q Sure. Do you remember whether or not the 10 application had a specific question asking you: Are
- 11 you currently on Michigan Sex Offender Registry? 12 A No. I can't recall that on the application. They
- 13 didn't want -- they had a certain block on the 14 onboarding process where they asked about past criminal
- 15 convictions. And I filled that in, and pointed it out.
- 16 It was very comprehensive. They were more interested
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- in hiring me because they needed a body to come in to
- 18 work. I'm sorry, that's -- it's fairly obvious to me.
- 19 Q Is it your understanding that you have to commit an 20 underlying offense to be placed on Michigan Sex
- 21 Offender Registry?
- 22 A It's my understanding that I had to be a convicted sex
- 23 offender to get on the Registry. I guess there are
- 24 exceptions, you know, which are strange. I don't want
- 25 to -- we don't discuss those.

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50 49 1 1 Q Sure. So is it fair to say that might not have A No. 2 hired you because of your prior convictions, not O Do you have any siblings? 3 because of your placement on the Registry? A All of my family is dead. 4 4 A My impression when they fired me was that they got the Q So you don't have any nieces or nephews? 5 background report from Hire Right, and in the Hire 5 A If they're still alive, I haven't had contact with them 6 Right report, there is a very specific subsection that 6 in maybe 30 years. 7 addresses Sex Offender Registry. 7 Q Okay. All right. Sorry I got off track there with 8 8 your employment. So, when Meijer decided to let you As I recall the report, I don't have a copy of it, 9 9 I'm sorry, when they discovered that I was on the go, did you find employment after that? 10 10 Registry, there was a little red flag on the report. A I did. But -- as a matter of fact, it was kind of 11 11 serendipitous. I have a who takes care of And under that red flag, the -- Hire Right advised 12 12 for me. And one day he called and that I didn't meet company standards. 13 That whole report was -- which I had a copy of it 13 help. And I said, what? And he said, I 14 14 two days after I applied and onboarded, their copy of need someone to deliver I'm desperate, 15 15 the report, they say was lost for four months until the will you help me. And I said certainly. 16 16 end of February. When they discovered it, after they By that time, he was fully informed about my entire found it, they immediately fired me. 17 criminal background. I've discussed my entire criminal 17 18 18 Q It, being the report from a third-party contractor? background with my employer and his wife, co-owners of 19 19 A That's correct, from Hire Right. a small where I live. And they were so 20 Q Okay. So is it fair to say that Hire Right's report 20 forgiving. They have found out that I'm very 21 21 caused you to be fired? trustworthy since they have contracted with my 22 22 A Yes. services. 23 23 Q Are you married? Q Okay. So then when did your relationship with this 24 A No. 24 company begin? 25 Q Do you have any children? 25 A This employer, it began around October the 18th, 2021, 52 1 employed, right? 1 and I'm currently employed -- well, I mean, in a matter 2 of sense, I'm currently employed with them now. A I -- I don't know if you'd call it steadily employed. 3 3 Q Okay. So then, before you left your job with I mean, I participated in a job training program for 4 how much were you making? 4 maybe three or four hours a day, five days a week. And 5 5 A Before I lost my job with Oh, brother. Total then I had full-time employment very shortly with 6 6 income including my Social Security, about 13,000 -operating a sewing machine. And then I was unemployed 7 7 for -- wow -- from 2019 until the end of 2020. 1300 a month. Wait a minute. Hold on. No, it would 8 be probably a little over 2000 a month. 8 So I don't -- how would you call that, you know, 9 Q And that's -- is that including your Social Security 9 regularly employed or consistently employed? Now, I 10 benefits? 10 have been consistently employed at the 11 A Yes, that includes my Social Security benefits. My 11 part-time, for 19 months, without benefits. 12 work with was also part-time. They didn't 12 Q And you're currently 78 years old? really allow work, anyone to work full-time, because 13 13 A 78, that's correct. 14 they didn't want to pay the benefits. 14 I'll be right back. I'll be right back. Q Now, fast forwarding to your current pharmacy job, how 15 15 (Discussion off the record.) 16 much do you make now? 16 Q (By Mr. Damich) Do you belong to any social clubs or 17 17 anything? A It varies depending upon how many hours I put in and 18 the mileage they pay me. 18 A I am currently on the -- on the Executive Board or 19 Q I think previously you had testified you made 19 Organizing Board of a small called 20 approximately 16,000 a year? 20 And we -- we meet once a week, and we 21 A Right now that would be -- that would be now over 21 have participants who are often on parole, or not, but 22 20,000 a year. 22 many of whom are registered sex offenders and people 23 23 Q Okay. Does that come with benefits? who have anger management problems, and -- and people 24 24 who have addictions or substance abuse problems. A No, no benefits. Q So since your release from prison, you've been steadily Q Okay. Any other -- what else do you do in your spare

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54 53 1 time? Q Even with -- even with your prior convictions and even A Actually, I have five kitty kids and a home, and with being on the Registry, you're able to maintain, it sounds like you have good friends. In fact, you said 3 gardens and lawns that take up huge amounts of my time. 4 people come by daily, right? I'm OCD, so everything about my home and my property 4 5 A Well, many of these --5 and my lawns and my 30 rose bushes have to be perfect. MS. CARBAJAL: Objection. Asked and answered 6 6 Q Now, do you find, I know you said you feel like you 7 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry? have OCD, but do you actually find enjoyment in doing 7 8 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection -- objection asked 8 that stuff though? 9 and answered. Mischaracterizing the testimony, but you 9 A The amount of time that I spend doing recreational 10 can answer the question. 10 activities amounts to trying to watch TV for two hours 11 THE WITNESS: Many of the people that come 11 a night before I go to bed, because I'm constantly 12 over are former sex offenders who have rehabilitated 12 busy. 13 themselves, and demonstrated that they don't have any 13 Q That's good to be constantly busy between taking care 14 proclivities towards reoffending. 14 of your house, your yard, your cats, and then, of 15 I have neighbors who are not convicted sex 15 course, with the organization you helped start, 16 offenders and who definitely know about my convictions, 16 correct? 17 because before I moved into this home, I started A That's correct. 17 18 knocking on doors and telling that I was a convicted 18 Q Okay. 19 sex offender. 19 A I'm always available for people who call who need help 20 It's interesting that, whimsically, I say that no 20 in one way or another. So I have people coming and 21 one has burned any crosses on my front lawn, or slashed 21 going from my property almost daily, before work, and my tires, or written ugly comments across my garage 22 22 in between times when I'm not out there doing work or 23 door. I am not reviled by my neighbors, thank God. 23 painting the house or doing something. 24 They've come to know me. 24 Q So you have a pretty solid friend base, then? 25 Q (By Mr. Damich) So, in general, you've been able to 25 A Yes. 55 56 1 Before we took a quick break there, in one of your 1 enjoy life? So, in general, you've been able to enjoy 2 2 answers you had made mention that SORA is a millstone

life?

3 A I am blessed with an amazing ability to be able to 4 enjoy life in spite of the millstone around my neck of 5 being a registered offender. Not many people have

6 succeeded, if you want to call it success, like I have, 7

because I'm determined.

8 Q Okay. Now, you had --

9 A There's a religious thing here, a spiritual thing. My 10 whole life is devoted to God. That's all I can say. 11 It's very important that I follow what I consider to be 12 God's will, doing good things, and that's what I do, 13 seven days a week.

14 Q So you didn't --

MS. CARBAJAL: So --

MR. DAMICH: Pardon me?

16 17 MS. CARBAJAL: Sorry. We have to do the whole 18 switch-a-roo thing. Can we take another 10-minute

19 break?

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MR. DAMICH: Actually, perfect timing. That will bring us back right at noon, so that works for me.

22 MS. CARBAJAL: Okay. Great. Awesome. We'll

23 see each other at noon. 24

(Brief recess.)

Q (By Mr. Damich) We're back on the record.

3 around your neck. Do you remember that?

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5 Q Okay. How often do you have to -- how often do you

6 have to register or verify a person with law

7 enforcement?

8 A I must register every three months for the rest of my 9 life. And if there are any changes in my situation,

10 I'm required to register those changes. If I get a

11 different license plate, if I get a different car, if I

12 get a different email address, if I get a different

13 phone number. It's just on and on and on.

14 Q Sure. Now, when you go to report -- when you go do

15 your Registry every three months, where do you go?

16 A I go to the police station where I live to report.

17 Q How far away is the police station?

18 A Two and a half miles.

19 Q Okay. Can you give me an approximation of how long you 20 usually spend there whenever you're registering?

A 15 minutes to a half-hour normally. 21

22 Q So would you say it's usually like an hour long ordeal,

23 couch, back to couch, right, by the time you get in the

24 car, drive to the place, the station?

A Yup.

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- 1 Q Register, and you're back at your home within an hour?
- 2 A Right
- 3 Q Okay. So you spend four hours out of the year
- 4 registering?
- 5 A If you want to put it down to that, yes.
- 6 Q All right. So, March of 2021, on how many occasions
- 7 have you had to update your information?
- 8 A Well, I had to update my information when I had my 9 sewing job, and, with it wasn't required that
- 10 I report it because that was during COVID. And I had
- 11 to update my job with the pharmacy.
- 12 Q So, twice?
- 13 A I'm sorry?
- 14 Q So twice you've had to do that?
- 15 A I had to update my Registry when -- with the pharmacy ioh.
- 17 Q And then also with the sewing job, right?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q So that was two separate instances where you had to
- 20 update, right?
- 21 A That's correct.
- 22 Q Okay. And both of those --
- 23 A I also had to update when I got my car.
- 24 Q Okay.

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25 A And changes in license plate.

1 Q That was a third instance since 2021 you had to change,

- 2 right -- or submit updated changes, correct?
- 3 A Yeah.
- 4 Q Any other instances?
- 5 A I can't recall any --
- 6 Q Okay.
- 7 A -- offhand.
- 8 Q When you did those updates, did you go in person?
- 9 A Yes.

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- Q Okay. I want to go ahead and share my screen with youagain real quick.
 - Do you recognize -- okay. Do you recognize this document by chance?
- 14 A I don't -- I'm not aware -- I see it, but, no, I knew 15 nothing about this.
- Q Okay. So you're not aware that some updates can bedone via mail-in, you can mail in your updates?
- 18 A No, I was not aware of that. I'm trying to look at 19 this now.
- 20 Q Want me to zoom in for you so you can see it better?
- 21 A It's okay, I can see it. I'm just looking for -- it
- doesn't ask anything about employment. There's no
- section for employment update, which is interesting.
- 24 Q Yeah. Is there anything on this form, except for the
- lack of, you know, when you said this could be a lack

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- of employment section that's confusing to you?
- A No. It looks like the same stuff that I have on my paperwork when I go in to register. This information would be able to be pulled off of that form.
- Q So there's nothing confusing about the offender
 information requested, what's a temporary residence,
 any other contact information -- contact information
 called for there under three, vehicles, mobile homes,
 none of that's confusing to you?

MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. Compound.
And mischaracterizes the testimony.

THE WITNESS: Oh, I just notice a little section there below contact information where it says, the following email Internet information is only collected for those with offenses committed on or after July 1st, 2011.

So I -- I'm not even required to report any changes in emails, which I didn't know. That's all I have to say.

- Q (By Mr. Damich) So you have -- so you have been
 including your email in identifiers whenever you go to
 update and everything?
- 23 A I'm sorry, I didn't understand. What?
- Q So, you have -- you have been submitting your email and
- 25 Internet identifiers?

1 A I -- there's been no need for me to update that because 2 my email has been the same since 2012.

- 3 Q Okay.
- 4 A swell as my phone number.
- Q Do you think the Sex Offender Registry protects thepublic in any way?
- 7 A No.

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Q Previously you had testified if your very best friend
 had known of your prior conviction, then perhaps he
 wouldn't have trusted you to be around his three
 children before you sexually assaulted them.

Had their information been on a Sex Offender
Registry, do you think that perhaps that could have
protected the three children from your actions?

MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. And ca

MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. And calls for speculation.

THE WITNESS: I honestly don't know how to answer the question. I just don't know.

- Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. Again, I'm just reminding youpreviously testified that had your very best friend
- 21 known about your prior actions, that he would not have
- entrusted, that perhaps he would not have entrusted his
- children with you. Do you remember that?
- A Yes, I do, and that -- that really was on me. That should have been on me to, you know, disclose that

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62 61 1 1 information. MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. 2 2 O Right. Argumentative. 3 THE WITNESS: If they had had prior 3 A How could I call him very best friend when I didn't information about me being a sex offender, it might 4 disclose that information? 5 have offered them some protection, I guess. I just 5 Q And, had he known that information, don't you think the 6 don't know. 6 chances are that he would not have let his children 7 Q (By Mr. Damich) And then --7 around you? 8 A I'm sorry. 8 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. 9 Q And in your former --9 THE WITNESS: Again, I just don't know how to 10 A I'm just guessing at this. 10 answer the question. I'm sorry. 11 Q Sure. And your friend is -- your friend and his Q (By Mr. Damich) I think previously you -- I think you 11 12 children are members of the public, right? already answered the question. You said that you 12 13 13 wouldn't -- that you think that he wouldn't allow them 14 Q Your friend and his children are members of the public, 14 to be around you? 15 right? 15 A Yes. I think had he known I was a sex offender, he and 16 A Yes, they are. 16 his wife would have given second thought to me being Q And they would have been protected had they had that 17 around their children. 17 18 information, right? Q Sure. 18 19 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. 19 A At the same time, I don't think the Registry protects 20 THE WITNESS: Yes. 20 the public because it only takes three seconds to 21 Q (By Mr. Damich) So the Sex Offender Registry provides 21 commit a sex crime. 2.2 that information, correct? 22 Q Okay. So if the parents had known about that 23 A It does, but I -- there must be other ways to provide 23 information, perhaps they might have not let their 24 24 children around you, and they could have been protected Q So I guess I'm just confused on how you could say that 25 from being sexually assaulted, right? 63 64 1 the Sex Offender Registry does not protect the public Q Do you think that the Sex Offender Registry may 2 in any way, where it could have very well prevented the 2 encourage victims to come forward? 3 very conviction that you had back in 1985. 3 A I'm -- we're --4 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection, form and 4 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection. Calls for 5 5 argumentative. Also, was there question? speculation. 6 6 THE WITNESS: We're dealing with suppositions. THE WITNESS: This Registry and everything 7 7 I don't know. I have no idea. Would it? I don't about it has me confused and it always will. 8 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. 8 know. Is it real? I don't know. Are we dealing with 9 A I'm sorry. The Registry is nothing but something that suppositions or realty? I can't answer the question. 10 was invented using the punishment model. There's 10 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. So if victims come forward to 11 nothing about the Registry which shows any sign of 11 report sex crimes, does that protect the public? 12 12 restorative justice. It's all about punishment. MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. Calls for 13 There's no due process in the Registry to allow an 13 14 offender to challenge ongoing registration or to be 14 THE WITNESS: These are tough questions to 15 15 removed from it. And that's why it's so heinous to me. answer. I don't know. I would have to guess. I would 16 16 Obviously, not as heinous as my crimes. But when you have to suppose. 17 don't give a person any due process to get away from 17 Q (By Mr. Damich) Well, just in your opinion. 18 that, then I have to wonder about society. And I have 18 MS. CARBAJAL: Same objections. 19 to wonder about the validity of the law that gives no 19 THE, WITNESS: I'm sorry. I just don't know. 20 20 In my opinion as far as I'm concerned, my opinion means due process. 21 Q (By Mr. Damich) Have you ever given any thought to the 21 squat. 22 mental impact that your victims have had on their lives 22 I don't know if it would cause people to come 23 23 forward. We certainly don't need that because we have 24 A I've been dealing with it for 35 years, every time I 24 all these programs that teach children in school what 25 look in the mirror. 25 bad touches and good touches are, and encourage them to

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65 66 1 1 come forward. We don't need the Registry for that. previous depositions on this subject. 2 2 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. I'm going to go ahead and share MR. DAMICH: Noted. Thanks, Lauren. 3 3 MS. CARBAJAL: You're welcome. my screen again. 4 4 MS. CARBAJAL: Hey, let's take just like a Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay, sir. Do you see a new document 5 5 quick five-minute break. It will be the quickest on your screen? 6 6 break, but --A I'm sorry, what? 7 7 MR. DAMICH: Yeah. That's fine. Q Do you see a new document on your screen? 8 8 MS. CARBAJAL: Thank you. A Yes, I do, and I have been reading it. 9 9 (Brief recess.) Q Okay. Now, what this document is, it's a collection of 10 MR. DAMICH: Back on the record. 10 -- it's a chart with a collection of some judicial 11 11 decisions. And in one of the blocks, you'll see I'm going to go ahead and -- before I go 12 ahead and reshare my screen, I would like to offer as 12 recitation of some facts. And then you're going to see 13 Exhibit B the mail-in update and explanation form that 13 some case citations. 14 the witness was testifying to earlier. 14 What I intend to do with this exhibit is to have 15 And then so that would be Exhibit B. 15 you read through some of these factual scenarios. And 16 16 (Whereupon Defendants' Deposition Exhibit B I'm going to have some questions for you about them. 17 17 MR. DAMICH: And before we get there, I'm -- I was marked for identification.) 18 18 Q (By Mr. Damich) So, now I'm going to reshare my would like to offer this in as Deposition Exhibit C. 19 screen, and let me know when it comes up. Okay. Can 19 (Whereupon Defendants' Deposition Exhibit C 20 you see that, sir? 20 was marked for identification.) 21 COURT REPORTER: He's on mute. Just a second. 21 Q (By Mr. Damich) All right. If you could go, I'm going 2.2 MS. CARBAJAL: While he's on mute, I'm just 2.2 to scroll down to number six. I'm also going to zoom 23 going to put out the regular objection for this chart, 23 in a little bit because it's a little -- can you read 24 2.4 for the reasons that have been articulated in briefing that, is that good? 25 and before Judge Goldsmith, and I'm sure all the other 25 A Number six? 67 68 Q Yes. Go ahead and read that to yourself and let me 1 credence to, you know, what has -- what's happened in a 2 2 know when you're done. person's life, how -- how they've changed. If this 3 3 same individual hasn't made any progress, sure. 4 4 Q Okay. Do you think your neighbors would want to know But when someone has gone through so much as a 5 if this perpetrator lived next door to them? 5 result of their heinous behavior and come off the other 6 A Do I think? 6 side, and they're still alive, my question is 7 7 O Yes. irrelevant. 8 A Here we go again, thinking. Am I supposed to be 8 Q Okay. So you think --9 putting my place in a hypothetical neighbor, and what 9 A These are terrible crimes. 10 they would be thinking? This is really stretching me, 10 O Yeah. So --11 okay? 11 A But I still want to know what's happened to this 12 But, I'm going to say that I would -- I think the 12 perpetrator, what's going on in his or her life. 13 neighbor would want to know how long ago the crime was 13 Q Okay. And you would still want to know the facts that 14 committed, what kind of time the person spent in 14 you read there, too, though, right? 15 prison, what they've done to rehabilitate themselves, 15 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection. Mischaracterizes --16 16 THE WITNESS: This is difficult because when I if you're currently employed, if they're currently 17 married. I want to know if they've been able to 17 went around and talked to my neighbors, they did not 18 recover their lives. It's called restorative justice. 18 want to know every lurid, sordid detail of my crime. 19 I don't know how to answer this question. 19 I told them I was a sex offender. I told 20 Q You'd want to know that information in addition to the 20 them I was registered. They seemed not to want to information that you read? 21 21 inquire deeper. However, many of the people in my 22 22 A Yes. neighborhood, older women, came to my home, enjoyed a 23 cup of coffee, something to eat. And then told me that 23 Q Okay. 24 A Because we're not the same people we were 40 years ago. 24 they had been sexually molested when they were girls.

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I don't know where you stick that information,

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And something has -- you know, something has to give

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but, it was a continuing wake up call to how prevalent 1 2 molestation is, going back 60 and 70 years. I'm sorry, 3 I don't know what better answer to give your question.

Q (By Mr. Damich) And, so, you -- so, you actually haven't felt stigmatized because of this sex offender experience, you've actually found an increase in friends?

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MS. CARBAJAL: Objection. Mischaracterizes the testimony.

THE WITNESS: I chose out of a sense of moral obligation to let my neighbors know that I was a convicted sex offender, and register. And -- and I let the dominos drop wherever they fell, and decided that I'd deal with the consequences of -- disclosing this to my neighbors.

In the intervening eight years that I've lived here, I've never had a problem with a neighbor. No one calling me ugly names, no one, you know, shunning me. I just don't know how to answer this.

- 20 Q (By Mr. Damich) We're going to scroll down to number 21 18, if you could read that one.
- A Just horrific. So, we have two incidents, one of child 22 23 molesting and another of violent rape, which involve 24 entirely different states of mind, entirely different 25 psychological events going on. These are horrible.

1 How long do you -- how long do you want to follow

- 2 that -- that offender? How long does this offender
- 3 have to pay for that horrible thing that he did,
- 4 including the time he spent in prison? Because I'm 5
- sure he spent decades in prison. When does a person 6 ever find it possible to recover their lives? Ever?
- 7 Q Would you want to know this information if the 8 perpetrator lived next door?
- 9 A Emotionally, I'm going to say yes, but, I ask if this 10 has to be done through the Registry. There are ways 11 discovering what a person has done without the
- 12 Registry.
- 13 Q And what are those ways?
- A Go online, Google the person. My God, you'll find 15 everything about them. If you don't know them, Google 16 them. You'll find a man in prison, what they've done.
- 17 You don't need the Registry.
- 18 Q So you don't need the Registry?
- 19 A As a matter of fact, this is done constantly. People Google other people to see what they're like. So, no, 20
- 21 the Registry isn't necessary for this. Big Brother is
- 2.2 here; we don't need the Registry.
- 23 Q So you're saying the information is out there already
- 2.4 from other sources?
- 25 A Absolutely.

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Q Do you think that it's more prevalent in other sources than the Registry?

MS. CARBAJAL: Objection. Foundation. Form. THE WITNESS: I think the information is so comprehensive that if anyone wanted the details they could then go further. But the sources of information about you and everything you do and everything you've done, exist in maybe a hundred different websites. And they're available all over the world. They're accessible all over the world. We don't need the

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Q (By Mr. Damich) So then if SORA were to go away, wouldn't the registered still have the same issues then?

MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. THE WITNESS: If the, what?

Q (By Mr. Damich) If the Registry itself were to go 17 18 away, and under your previous statements, the 19 information is already out there, aren't the registered 20 still going to experience the same difficulties? 21

MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. Foundation. THE WITNESS: If the Registry goes away, then registrants are able to recover their lives. They

that allows a registrant to recover their lives as long

can't now. There's no way. There's no due process

1 as they're on the Registry.

2 Q (By Mr. Damich) Do you know whether or not Governor 3 Whitmer or Colonel Gasper has control over the

4 Internet?

5 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form, foundation. 6 THE WITNESS: Do I know if Governor Whitmer,

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- 8 Q (By Mr. Damich) Has control over the Internet?
- 9 A I would probably say no.

10 Q Okay. So, then, you had previously testified that 11 there's multiple other sources of where you could find 12 information outside of the Sex Offender Registry, 13 correct?

14 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form, foundation. 15 THE WITNESS: Governor Whitmer should never

16 have signed this into law.

17 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. But, again, to get back -- just 18 stay on track here, you did say that there's other

19 sources to find this information, right?

- 20 A Absolutely.
- 21 Q Absolutely.
- 22 A And they're incredibly comprehensive and revealing.
- 23 So then my question was: If SORA were to go away,
- 24 wouldn't the registrants have all the same problems,
- 25 right?

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73 74 1 1 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. MS. CARBAJAL: Do you need a second, K.S.? We 2 2 Foundation. can take this --3 3 Q (By Mr. Damich) I don't know how -- I don't know how THE WITNESS: Okay. I've got it. I keep 4 people -- if removing SORA would give people their 4 getting these scam calls that come in every half hour, 5 lives back, if, in fact, all those other comprehensive 5 all day long. I'm sure you know what I'm talking 6 sources are still out there. Do you understand what 6 about. 7 I'm saying? 7 In any event, as long as the person is on the 8 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form and 8 Registry, they're never free. 9 foundation. Argumentative. 9 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. So if you don't register -- if 10 THE WITNESS: Yeah. It's a psychological 10 you don't update your license every year -- driver's 11 thing. And it also affects the family and the friends 11 license every year, is there a punishment for that? 12 of registered sex offenders. 12 A Is this even comparable to what we're talking about? I 13 I consider the Registry to be a millstone 13 mean, is this relevant to what we're talking about, 14 around my neck. I consider it to be permanent 14 updating my driver's license? I don't think it has any 15 punishment. I might as well be back in prison. Some 15 bearing to do with what we're talking about. 16 people say, oh, it's just administrative. It's not 16 Q Sure. Is there any punishment if you don't update your 17 administrative. And we both know that if I were to 17 driver's license? 18 violate SORA, I would go back to prison. That's not 18 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. 19 administrative at all, it's permanent punishment. 19 THE WITNESS: I am obligated to renew my 20 Q (By Mr. Damich) Do you renew your license every year? 20 driver's license and registration every year. That 21 A Pardon? 21 enables me to drive the car that I drive, in accordance 22 Q Do you renew your driver's license every year? 22 with the law. 23 A I renew my driver's license every year. 23 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. 2.4 I've got to do something with this. I don't 24 A That's a world apart from having to register every 25 understand why this is still going through. 25 three months in order to stay out of prison. 75 76 Q Back to Exhibit 3, if you can read number 26, and let A There is a site called IChat, I-C-h-a-t. 2 2 me know when you're done. 3 3 A Okav. A Anyone can access it, anyone can subscribe to it and 4 Q Do you think this is information that your -- your --4 get the background information of anyone in the State 5 your former best friend would want to know about his 5 of Michigan. You don't need the Registry. 6 6 neighbor? Q Okay. But again, back to 26, would you want to know 7 7 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. this information about your neighbor? It's just yes 8 Argumentative. 8 or no? 9 THE WITNESS: I can't say anything more to you 9 A No. 10 than I've said about any of the other examples. You 10 O You would not want to know it? 11 know, if someone wants to know about who they're living 11 A I have other ways of finding out about my neighbor. 12 next to, all they have to do is know their name and 12 And it's -- you know, it's there and available for 13 13 Google it. Believe me, it's there. everyone. This is the age of instant information. The 14 Q (By Mr. Damich) Even without the Registry, correct? 14 Registry just is nothing but punitive. 15 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection. Mischaracterizes 15 Q Okay. If you could read number 33, and let me know 16 16 the testimony. when you're done. 17 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, even what? 17 A These are all scenarios that have been on TV, and every 18 Q (By Mr. Damich) Even without the Registry, correct? 18 crime show that you can probably lock on to, you know. 19 A Even without the Registry --19 You've got 90 percent of television is crime show TV. 20 MS. CARBAJAL: Form. 20 All of this stuff is on TV, and it's all available when 21 THE WITNESS: -- the information is out there. 21 people want to find out about their neighbors. Go on Q (By Mr. Damich) And that information --22 22 the Google, go on to IChat. 23

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These are all horrible things.

facts -- scenario then?

Q Okay. So you -- I'm guessing you finished reading that

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A Absolutely.

conduct, correct?

Q And that information is convictions of criminal sexual

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A I'm saying that it doesn't matter which scenario you 2 show me. We don't need the Registry for that purpose. 3

People can find out vast amounts of information with just a touch of their computer.

- 5 Q Why do you think people would want to know that information? 6
 - A There is a tendency for people these days to check out every single person that they have a relationship with, and, you know, when you go on these other sites, you'll see the little blurbs, oh, my God, I didn't know that so and so was so and so. I'm glad I had this site, I'm glad I found out this information. But it's out there. It's out there. The Registry is not needed.
- 14 Q Do you think it's a bad thing that this information is 15 out there?

MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form.

THE WITNESS: If someone is interested in the lurid and sordid details of any information that they find out about someone through one of these other sources, then it's easy for them to do that. Because you see these other sites will show where the person was convicted.

And so while it's nothing, I'll get to -- I'll look up the 30th Circuit Court. I'll look up the name and see what happens. I'll get the information from

1 the police agency.

> 2 O (By Mr. Damich) Okay.

3 A There are many different ways of protecting the public 4 and they're all on the Internet.

5 Q And how do those things on the Internet protect the 6 public

MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form.

THE WITNESS: How does, what?

9 Q (By Mr. Damich) How do those things on the Internet 10 protect the public?

MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form.

THE WITNESS: I mean, I don't even know how to answer that. I haven't got the slightest idea of how to answer that.

15 Q (By Mr. Damich) I'm just repeating what you said, 16 though, sir.

17 A Huh? Can you -- is there a way you can rephrase that 18

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A -- clarify for me. 20

21 Q You finished up your last statement that all of that 2.2

information protects the public, and I asked you how

23 does that information protect the public. 24

MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form.

25 THE WITNESS: How does it affect the public.

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1 know about. It's all there.

2 Q (By Mr. Damich) And you believe that information 3 protects the public?

MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form.

5 THE WITNESS: This information affects the 6

7 Q (By Mr. Damich) Protect. Do you believe that that 8 information protects the public?-

9 A Yes. The Internet protects the public. It provides 10 the information that they're looking for. I believe 11 that that does, and there are ample examples of it when 12 you go on these various websites. These Spokeo, and 13 all these other crazy find-out-information websites about what people say.

14 15 I've got it, I looked at the information, and, oh,

16 my God, I discovered this, I discovered that. That 17 protects the public. And it does a really good job.

18 Sometimes the Registry is down and you can't access it.

19 Man, you cannot -- you can access any of these other 20 websites 24 hours a day, they're never down.

So, no, these other websites protect the public and probably as well or better than SORA.

23 Q So you do believe SORA protects the public? 24

MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. Asked and 25 answered.

I just -- I just can't answer that, because I'm telling

2 you that if someone wants to know about their next door 3

neighbor, they just have to get on their computer. If 4 they want to know about the lurid and sordid details of

5 any information they find, they can further investigate 6

by going to the police agency or going to the court

Now, how does it affect the public?

9 Q (By Mr. Damich) Protect. Protect.

10 A I can't even comprehend that, I'm sorry.

11 Q Protect. Not affect. Protect.

12 A Protest?

13 Q Protect. How does it protect?

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MS. CARBAJAL: Same objections.

THE WITNESS: All of these various websites protect the public by simply being there for people to access. They don't the Registry. People are constantly going on these other

sites, just to check out their friends, to see, oh, let's find out what we can see about Alice, or Tommy. This is something people do all the time. This is the age of unprecedented, instant communication and information about anything and everyone you want to 21

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82 81 1 1 THE WITNESS: I believe that it is one means each of those elected officials. 2 2 to protect the public, but it is not the end all and be O Sure. But, again, the question was -- let me rephrase. 3 all of public protection. 3 Is it your understanding that the legislature is 4 4 Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. the one that creates laws? 5 5 A On these other sites you can find out a person's phone MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. 6 6 number, their email address, their current living Mischaracterizes the testimony. 7 7 address, their crime information, their status as to THE WITNESS: I understand that it's our state 8 8 whether they have been bankrupt, whether they've paid representatives and state senators that introduce 9 9 off their home loan, and what kind of medical legislation, and that it's voted on, and then 10 10 ultimately it's either vetoed or passed into law by the conditions they have. 11 11 You don't find anything but that on -- you know, on Governor. 12 12 SORA. I mean, SORA is just a drop in the ocean. But, Q (By Mr. Damich) Okay. Do you know whether --13 it's a drop in the ocean that hurts registered 13 A The legislators are the people you want to contact. 14 offenders more than it protects the public. 14 Q Okay. So you would agree that Governor Whitmer doesn't 15 Q Have you ever contacted a member of the Michigan 15 have the power to change the sex offender law, correct? 16 legislature to inquire about changing the Michigan 16 A She had the power to prevent it into coming -- into 17 17 registration laws? becoming law by the veto, and she chose not to veto it. 18 18 A I believe I have, and I believe that was three or four Q But currently, right now, as it stands today, 19 years ago. And I -- it was in the context of finding 19 Government Whitmer does not have the power to change 20 20 employment, and I believe at that time that I contacted the law, correct? 21 21 MS. CARBAJAL: Objection to form. 110 state representatives and 38 senators by email and 2.2 2.2 by phone. I didn't get much of a response. THE WITNESS: Provisionally, I'll say she 23 23 Q Okay. So do you -- it's -- you fully understand it's doesn't have the power to change the law, but she has 24 2.4 the legislature that changes the law? the chief law enforcement officer who represents her --A I have addressed that in various emails that I sent to 25 25 represents her and the people of the State of Michigan, 83 84 in reviewing state statutes which may be in violation O Okay. 1 1 2 2 of the Constitution -- the State Constitution, and also A But Attorney General opinions are very powerful, and 3 the Federal Constitution. That's why we have your 3 often binding. 4 4 boss, who is absolutely outstanding. MR. DAMICH: I don't have any further 5 5 Q Thank you. Do you -- I agree, as well. questions. 6 6 Do you know whether Governor Whitmer can reduce the MS. CARBAJAL: I don't have any questions 7 7 registration periods? 8 A All of that has to be done through the legislature, 8 THE WITNESS: No further questions? 9 which has to review it all. 9 MS. CARBAJAL: I have nothing also. Great. 10 10 O Okay. MR. DAMICH: Well, sir, I truly hope you 11 A However, your boss carved in granite her own opinion of 11 understand it was a pleasure talking with you today. 12 12 the Sex Offender Registration Act. And I appreciate you taking time out of your day, and 13 13 Q Okay. Do you know -- what about Colonel Gasper, does -- I know what it's like trying to herd kittens, I have 14 he have the power to change the Sex Offender 14 a couple of my own, and trying to have a long 15 15 Registration law? conversation. So I appreciate your patience. I 16 16 A Not at all, but the SORA Act has been challenged and appreciate you speaking with me today and, you know, I 17 17 very well, in an amicus curiae brief that your boss hope you the best. 18 submitted the February the 8th, 2019, and she ripped 18 THE WITNESS: Thank you. I understand the 19 the law apart. 19 difficult situation you're in. It's not a walk in the Q Do you know whether Colonel Gasper can reduce the 20 20 park, and I just hope that there is a reasonable resolution to this situation, both for the public and 21 registration period? 21 22 22 A Whether -for registered sex offenders. Q Colonel Gasper, can he reduce the registration period? 23 23 MR. DAMICH: And the victims as well, too. 24 A No. I don't think he can reduce that. That's all the 24 (Whereupon the deposition was concluded at 25 legislature. 25 about 12:54 p m.)

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